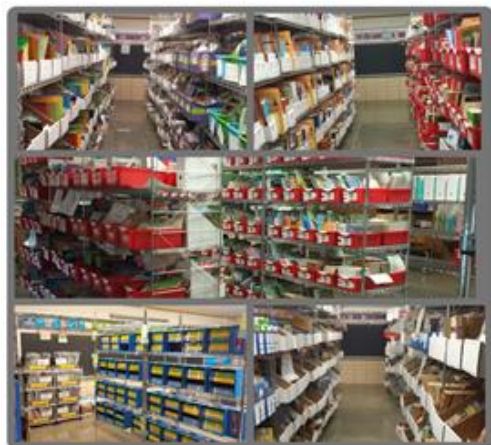


# Lafayette Literary Library



## Lafayette Elementary School is Making it Happen!



**WE ARE** Lafayette Elementary School in the urban school district of School City of Hammond.

### OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

African American: 52.9%

Hispanic: 38.8%

Multi-Racial: 5.2%

White: 2.8%

American Indian: 0.4%

Free/Reduced Lunch: 93.5%

**OUR TEACHERS** We have 20 Gen. Ed.

Classrooms, 2 Special Ed., & 1 LDP

Outside Technical Assistance with effective reading practices:

- Jan Richardson – Reading Specialist
- Smekens Education Retreats
- As well as numerous staff book studies on best practices with guided reading

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** is the creation of the Literary Library. The Literary Library is to engage students in sustained reading using quality texts to raise student achievement.

- Teachers utilize the bookroom to support their guided reading instruction. They are able match students to appropriate level text and interests.
- Fiction, Non-Fiction, Graphic Novels, are abundant to choose from.
- Teachers monitor student growth by administering running records and NWEA – MAP Assessment 3 times per year.
- Growth is documented according to 0.5, 1, 1.5 & 2 years growth

### OUR STEPS

- All teachers & staff are involved with this project and attend professional development to enhance their reading instruction
- Teachers review and revise our curriculum maps and pacing guides yearly to meet the needs of all students
- Teachers continually participate in professional development and use best practices for reading instruction
- Teachers & staff write grants for opportunities to purchase new resources for instruction

### IN OUR OWN WORDS

In 2006, we were considered a failing school. With hard work and dedicated teachers and staff, our building went from a failing school to an “A” school. We have continued this trend for several years. We are proud of the hard work and continue to improve daily. We love being “Shamrocks” and our building is more than bricks and mortar. We are a family that strives for the best of all our students.

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